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Baltimore Dock Strike.

BALTIMORE, Aug. 13.—The strike of the 2000 union stevedores is assuming an ugly aspect, in which minor disturbances are of daily occurrence. A big crowd last night attacked a street-car at Locust Point, in which were a number of non-union colored men. One of the negroes drew a pistol and fired five shots into the crowd of men, women and boys who were following them. Three of the shots took effect, wounding Harry Presser, Joseph Penech and Arthur Raynier.

Three Men Killed.

NEW YORK, Aug. 13.—Three employes in the New York Steam Heating Company were killed this morning by the explosion of a 15-inch pipe elbow. They are: Frank Sherrick, of Jersey City; George Jenkins, Edward Brown, colored, of this city. Jackson and Brown tried to crawl out, but were overcome and suffocated. Sherrick was on the second floor, in the fire-room, and was also suffocated by the steam. Others seriously injured were sent home. W. J. David, the engineer, was arrested.

MAY BE AT PEKIN

Reason to Believe the Allies Are at the Capital.

THIRTY-THREE MILES AWAY AUG. 9

Chaffee Reports the Arrival of the Column at Ho Si Wu Five Days Ago—Making Rapid Progress.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—The American Commander in China, in a dispatch of just three words received at the War Department late this afternoon, sent a thrill of exultation and expectancy throughout official quarters by announcing his arrival at Ho Si Wu, only 33 miles from Pekin last Thursday. The last heard from him before this was at Yang Tsun, which has been captured after a hard fight, and word of his movements since then have been eagerly awaited. Thursday he was 18 miles beyond Yang Tsun. Lang Fang, the place where the ill-fated Seymour expedition turned back, had been left behind. The battle of Yang Tsun was fought on the 6th, and the advance on Ho Si Wu was accomplished on the 9th—a march of 18 miles in three days. This was four days ago, and at the same rate of progress Chaffee is even now fairly within striking distance of the walls of Pekin. It was a consummation which the War Department had awaited calmly, as it accorded with calculations, although the advance has been more rapid than was expected.

The dispatch from Chaffee, conveying so much in so few words, is as follows:

"Che Foo, Aug. 10.—Adjutant-General, Washington: Arrived Hospiuw (Ho Si Wu) yesterday. CHAFFEE."

Word of the advance soon spread throughout official quarters. In the enthusiasm a report got about that this was the day of the actual arrival at Pekin, but the War Department has not a word of the advance beyond Ho Si Wu. It was deemed hardly likely that the march to Pekin could have been made since last Thursday. At the rate of progress—six miles a day from Yang Tsun to Hi Si Wu—about 24 miles would have been covered in the last four days, and up to today this would still leave the international forces nine miles from Pekin. Viewed from any standpoint, the advance from Ho Si Wu was of the utmost importance, not only strategically, but showing that communication was open back to Che Foo, that the expected opposition from Chinese hordes had not been sufficient to prevent the steady movement, and the influence it would exert upon the Chinese Government.

Brief as the dispatch is, it conveys much information beyond that specifically contained in its few words. Although it is not stated what force has arrived, the War Department accepts it to mean that this is the international force which first took Peit Sang and then Yang Tsun. It has gone steadily forward along the left bank of the Pei Ho River, keeping on the main road which skirts the river bank. At Yang Tsun the railway crosses the river and branches off to the west. Now the forces have left the railway far in the rear and are depending upon the highway and the river.

Ho Si Wu is a place of considerable size, and the largest town between Tien Tsin and Ching Chia Wan. The latter place and Tung Chow are two cities of considerable size in the line of advance after leaving Ho Si Wu. It is surrounded by orchards and gardens, and is a place likely to have afforded opportunity for strong defense. It is the highest point on the Pei Ho River, where the river water is depended on, as the native wells are the source of supply in the remainder of the route to Pekin.

As it has now taken five days for Chaffee to report the advance to Ho Si Wu, it is evident that wire communication is not open to the front. This was hardly to be expected, and the safe arrival of the message at least shows that a certain measure of communication is open. One of the sources of congratulation among officials is that the fanatic hordes of China have not materialized, or at least have not prevented the international column from drawing close to the gates of Pekin.

Shortly after this dispatch arrived another message from General Chaffee, much longer, which gave the melancholy result of the fighting at Yang Tsun. The casualty list was given in detail, with the additional information that the dead had been buried at Yang Tsun, and that the wounded had been sent back to the hospital at Tien Tsin.

METHODIST MISSIONARIES.

All But Eighteen Are Known to Be Safe and Well.

NEW YORK, Aug. 13.—Dr. A. B. Leonard, corresponding secretary of the Methodist Missionary Society, today received a cablegram from the Rev. Spencer Lewis, of the West China Missionary Society. The message, which was from Shanghai, was to the effect that the missionaries who left Chung King about 10 days ago and had arrived at Shanghai the 13th inst. They are: Rev. Olin Cady and family, Rev. J. O. Curnow and family, Rev. W. E. Manly and family, Rev. Spencer Lewis and family, Rev. H. F. Peat and family, Rev. Joseph Beech, Miss Clara J. Collier and Miss R. Galloway. Dr. Leonard said today that of all the missionaries now in China under the direction of the Methodist Society, the only ones supposed to be still in peril are 18 in Pekin. So far, none of the Methodist missionaries is know to have been killed.

Robert E. Speer, one of the secretaries of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, received a cable dispatch today from Charles F. Johnson, M. D. It was dated from the German city of Tsin Tau, and was as follows: "I Chow Fu looted." I Chow Fu is in Shan Tung Province. The property of the Presbyterian mission there is estimated to have been worth about $20,000. The buildings included two hospitals. The missionaries themselves escaped from I Chow Fu to Tsin Tau some days ago.

EMPRESS DOWAGER FRIGHTENED

Declares Her Intention to Leave Pekin.

BERLIN, Aug. 13.—At the Chinese Legation in Berlin, the representative of the Associated Press was informed today that the Empress Dowager had declared her intention to leave Pekin and to transfer her court to another city before the allied forces reach the capital. Lu Hai Houan, the Chinese Minister here, on learning of this intention, telegraphed to both the Empress Dowager and the Emperor not to leave Pekin, but quietly to await the arrival of the International forces.

The German Foreign Office still believes that the allies have not begun the advance on Pekin, the rainy season being unfavorable. It believes that a further forward movement will be postponed.

The Chinese protest against the landing of troops at Shanghai has been officially received here. A Foreign Office official discussing it, said today: "The protest is here, but who pays any attention now to Chinese protests?"

Great Britain, according to the German Foreign Office, has not given any other declaration of purpose in landing troops at Shanghai than the declaration made by the British Consul-General to the other foreign Consuls there, namely, the protection of life and property.

RUSSIAN WAR REPORT.

Of the Operations at Peit Sang and Yang Tsun.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 13.—The dispatch of General Linevitch, commander of the Russian troops in the Province of Pe Chi Li, to the Russian Minister of War, General Kouropatkine, describing the capture of Peit Sang and Yang Tsun, has been published here, but adds little to the details already known. General Linevitch estimates that the Chinese at Peit Sang were 25,000 strong. He says their left flank was mined and provided with bomb-proofs. Their hurried flight prevented them from destroying a bridge of boats, and this enabled the allies to capture the whole camp, including 13 guns. At Yang Tsun, General Linevitch estimates the Chinese forces as about 30,000 men. The Russian losses were two officers and 116 men wounded. The report concludes: "Our troops are bivouacking at Yang Tsun, and are in splendid health."

Russian official circles consider that the German papers misapprehend the real scope of the appointment of Field Marshal Count von Waldersee. It is pointed out here that he will act merely as president of the council of Generals to direct and combine the operations of the different detachments, but without in any way weakening the importance of their respective commanders in executing strategic movements decided on in common.

Forced by Russia.

TOKIO, Aug. 13.—The opinion is expressed in Japanese official circles that Russia's occupation of New Chwang justifies the dispatch of British troops to Shanghai. It is said that other powers will be driven to take similar measures in other parts of China.

Massacres in Pe Chi Li.

BERLIN, Aug. 13.—The Catholic paper, Germania, says it learns that 10 out of 50 missionaries in the Vicarate of Southwest Pe Chi Li have been murdered, and that 3000 converts have suffered the same fate.

SAVED BY JOE WHEELER.

Bryan's Young Son Owes His Life to the General.

CHICAGO, Aug. 13.—General Joseph Wheeler, commander of the Department of the Lakes, today saved the life of William Jennings Bryan, Jr., the 12-year-old son of the Democratic candidate for the Presidency. The lad visited General Wheeler, and the latter, after his first greeting, turned to his work and allowed the youngster to amuse himself. Young Bryan found a loose chair castor and a big bundle of rubber bands. These he tied into a long string, and then, securing the castor to the bottom, went to a window and began bouncing the piece of iron up and down on the sidewalk, 75 feet below. The General, engrossed with his labors, paid no attention to the boy, who gradually became so interested in his play that he leaned farther and farther out on the casement of the window. General Wheeler happened to glance up a few minutes later, and was horrified to see the lad hanging with his whole body over the sidewalk and only the tops of his shoes visible. Rushing to the window, he pulled the lad in by his legs and landed him safely on the floor.

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT NEWS

China.

The international column was at Ho Si Wu, 33 miles from Pekin, Thursday, and may be at the capital now. Page 1.

The besieged foreigners in Pekin have food to last them only until next Thursday. Page 1.

By mistake British and Russian artillery shelled the Americans at Yang Tsun. Pages 1 and 2.

The Empress intends to leave Pekin before the foreign troops arrive. Page 1.

The State Department replied to the edict appointing Li Hung Chang a peace commissioner. Page 2.

General Chaffee sends the Yang Tsun casualty list. Page 2.

The Russian Minister will not leave Pekin before his comrades. Page 1.

Foreign.

The Ameer of Afghanistan is preparing to cross into Russian territory. Page 3.

Twelve persons were killed and 40 injured in a trainwreck in Italy. Page 3.

Political.

Bryan's speech of acceptance will be reproduced by phonograph. Page 1.

The National party convention will open in Indianapolis today. A third ticket will be named. Page 3.

Anti-imperialists will meet in Indianapolis Wednesday. Page 3.

Domestic.

Dr. Steinitz, the chess champion, died in New York. Page 1.

A site has been chosen for the new Fort Hall Indian school. Page 2.

Appropriations by the last session of Congress were $710,150,862. Page 3.

The annual convention of the Typographical Union opened in Milwaukee. Page 2.

Philippine veterans are in session in Denver. Page 1.

Judge Lacombe refused to sign a writ of extradition for Neely. Page 3.

Arguments in the Powers case will begin today. Page 2.

Pacific Coast.

The report that the Canadian Government has abandoned the royalty on the Yukon gold output is not correct. An export duty is under consideration. Page 4.

Several Astoria cannerymen arrested for packing salmon after close of season. Page 4.

One-half of the delegates to the Washington Republican convention are now at Tacoma. Frink's defeat for the Gubernatorial nomination is not improbable. Page 5.

Two Government pack trains leave Vancouver to take a transport at Seattle for service in China. Page 4.

About 20 farmers near Salem realize 56 cents per bushel for wheat by pooling same. Page 4.

Commercial and Marine.

Sugar marked up 15 cents a hundred in the Portland market yesterday, making an increase of 30 cents since last Friday. Page 11.

Export of gold from New York is expected to relax the financial tension at European capitals. Page 11.

British ship Riversdale, overdue from Hamburg, arrives at Astoria, together with three other vessels of the grain fleet. Page 5.

Local.

Robert J. Marsh was crushed to death under an East Side trolley car. Page 12.

The City Council passed a prohibitory license on Ringling Bros.' circus. Page 12.

The transport Argyll will sail from Portland to the Orient. Page 8.

License committee of the Council will hear complaints this afternoon. Page 7.

Horticultural Secretary Dosch has report of full crops of fruit in Europe. Page 8.

FOOD NEARLY GONE

Pekin Prisoners Again Call for Help.

THE SITUATION IS DESPERATE

MacDonald Reports the Ministers Refused the Chinese Offer of an Escort to Pekin.

LONDON, Aug. 14, 3:50 A. M.—The British Consul at Canton, says the Daily Telegraph's correspondent there, has received the following message, dated August 6, from Sir Claude MacDonald, British Minister in Pekin:

"Our situation here is desperate. In 10 days our food supply will be at an end. Unless we are relieved, a general massacre is probable. The Chinese offer to escort us to Tien Tsin; but, remembering Cawnpore, we refused the offer. There are over 200 European women and children in this legation."

The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Express, wiring yesterday, says:

"The allies at noon Saturday were within 20 miles of Pekin."

As General Chaffee's report, which is the only authentic news received here regarding the advance, located the international forces about 40 miles from Pekin Friday, it seems probable that the Shanghai report is optimistic. It is scarcely likely that the allies could have advanced 20 miles in as many hours.

A Yang Tsun dispatch, dated August 7, giving details regarding the capture of that place, says:

"The Russians and French held the left, the British the left center, the Americans the right center and the Japanese the right. The British and Americans advanced upon the village at a rapid rate for 5000 yards, under a severe shell and rifle fire. The Russions opened, and the British-American advance became a race for position, culminating in a brilliant charge. The heaviest loss of the day was sustained by the Americans, the Fourteenth Infantry having nine killed, 62 wounded and several missing. The Bengal Lancers unsuccessfully attempted to cut off the Chinese retreat."

Another Yang Tsun special says:

"Owing to a mistake, British and Russian guns shelled the Fourteenth United States Infantry during the night, wounding 10."

Commenting upon this occurrence, the Standard says:

"It is melancholy to learn that the losses of the Americans, who seem to have borne themselves with conspicuous gallantry, were increased by a deplorable error, in consequence of which one of their regiments was pounded by Russian and British cannon. The incident emphasizes the necessity of more close co-operation, which is not easily obtainable without a single commander and a general staff."

Official advices from Yokohama, dated yesterday, say that the allies proposed to advance August 7 to Nan Tsi Taung, between Yang Tsun and Wu Sing. The Japanese suffered no casualties at Yang Tsun, but the official reports say they lost 300 at Peit Sang.

The Daily Mail's St. Petersburg correspondent declares that the taking of Aigun has sealed the fate of the rising in Northeastern Manchuria. He says:

"No prisoners were taken by the Russians. Wholesale massacres was the order of the day, and when the battle was over the Cossacks rode over the field killing all the wounded with the butt ends of their muskets."

Once more the press of England remarks upon the ability of the American Government to secure news ahead of the rest of the world.

"It is to General Chaffee," says the Daily News, "that we are again indebted for news from the front. Not a single dispatch from Sir Alfred Gaselee has thus far been issued by the War Office."

Commenting on the American reply to the Chinese overtures, the Daily News says:

"The reply is more conciliatory than that of M. Delcasse, and in some respects it is a little ambiguous. Still, its substance is the same. It may be observed that the United States Government does not seem to separate itself from the allies."

All the small-arms ammunition used by the allies will follow the recommendations of the peace conference, none being explosive or expanding. The drain of China and South Africa upon England's stores is so great that every private firm has been enlisted to help the government supply the demand. All the great ammunition firms are working night and day in their efforts to meet the government's wishes.

The British Government, according to the Shanghai correspondent of the Times, has offered to lend £75,000 at 4½ per cent to the Viceroy of Wu Chang, Province of Hu Pee, on the Yangtse Kiang, for the payment of provincial troops.

DE GIERS WILL NOT LEAVE.

Russian Minister Not Anxious to Start From Pekin.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 13.—M. de Giers, Russian Minister in Pekin, reports in a dispatch under date of August 4 as follows:

"The Chinese Government recently applied to us and to all the foreign representatives in order to arrange the date and conditions of our journey to Tien Tsin. At the same time the Tsung li Yamun informed us that the foreign governments had demanded from the Chinese Ministers abroad our departure from Pekin under escort. We replied that we required instructions from our governments, without which we could not leave our posts.

"I consider it my duty to point out as indispensable to our journey that the allied forces sent as an escort should be of sufficient force to protect 800 Europeans, including 200 women and children and 50 wounded. It appears that the journey to Tien Tsin at the present season of the year is dangerous, owing to lack of means of communication. All my colleagues are sending similar telegrams to their government. Please inform.

"The families of the imperial mission and the Russian colony are well."

PHILIPPINE VETERANS.

Opening a Three Days' Reunion in Denver.

DENVER, Col., Aug. 13.—Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa, the Dakotas, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, Oregon and other Western states are represented at the reunion of veterans of the Philippine campaign, which opened in this city today, and will continue for three days.

Two years ago today these soldiers were wading the Rio Cingalon River, in the Orient, waist deep, carrying the old flag and facing a storm of lead from 10 miles of Spanish intrenchments before Manila. They will never forget the occasion, and the reunion has been called for the purpose of keeping comrades shoulder to shoulder and effecting an organization whereby their deeds may be preserved in history. The idea originated with General Irving Hale, and to his efforts is due the success of the first annual reunion. Several hundred badges were issued to the delegations as they arrived during the forenoon.

The feature of tomorrow's exercises will be a parade in which the local members of the G. A. R. will have the position of honor. Various entertainments will be given by citizens in honor of the visiting veterans, and Wednesday they will be taken on excursions to mountain resorts and noted mining camps.

The veterans, with their friends, filled Central Presbyterian Church to overflowing tonight. Addresses of welcome were made by Governor Thomas and Mayor Johnson, and speeches were made by General Greene, General Hale and other officers of the Philippine Army. One of the most notable addresses was made by Senator Wolcott. He took advanced grounds in favor of expansion, and his remarks were received with great enthusiasm.

General Francis V. Greene presided at the business meeting in the afternoon and a committee was appointed to draft a constitution and select permanent officers for the Society Army of the Philippines. It will report at noon tomorrow.

Robert S. Hughes.

NEW YORK, Aug. 13.—Robert S. Hughes, president of the Rodgers Locomotive Company, is dead at his home at Paterson, N. J. Death was due to general debility, resulting from old age.

CHESS CHAMPION STEINITZ DEAD.

NEW YORK, Aug. 13.—William Steinitz, for 22 years champion chessplayer of the world, died yesterday in the Manhattan State Hospital for the Insane, aged 63. His mind had been failing for several years, and last year it was found necessary to confine him. His family is destitute, except for a small fund raised by newspapers and chess clubs.

Dr. William Steinitz was a chessplayer of rare power from his childhood. He was a native of Prague, in Bohemia, and studied at the Polytechnic Institute, in Vienna. His fame as master of the chessboard was very great even before he met and defeated the late Professor Anderson, in 1866. By that victory Steinitz won the championship of the world, which he held until a very short time ago. Until he began to weaken mentally he gained every single-handed match he entered, and every single-handed series, and since 1862 he won either first or second place, or tied for first or second, in every tournament in which he played. His average score was always the highest. Among the famous tournaments in which Dr. Steinitz took part were those of Dublin, in 1865, Paris in 1867, Dundee in 1867, Baden in 1870, London in 1872 and 1873, Vienna in 1873 and 1882, and among the well-known players he met and defeated are Anderson, Blackburne, Bird, Gunsburg, Zakertort, Martinez, MacKenzie, Tschigorin, Golmayo and Vasquez. In 1883 Dr. Steinitz came to this country, and settled in New York, as the editor of the International Chess Magazine. In 1889 he published his work, "The Modern Instructor." Of late he had lived abroad.

MACHINE ORATIONS

Phonographs Will Reproduce Bryan's Acceptance Speech.

AT THE PARTIES' HEADQUARTERS

Anti-Lynching League Wanted an Indorsement From the Republican National Committee.

CHICAGO, Aug. 13.—Mr. Bryan had a conference today with a delegation of colored men, headed by J. Milton Turner, of St. Louis, ex-Minister to Liberia. They represented that there was much dissatisfaction among the members of their race with the present Administration, and assured Mr. Bryan that he would receive the votes of many of them. They, therefore, urged the importance of the organization of Bryan Democratic clubs.

The date of the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan for Lincoln is fixed for Wednesday night at 10 o'clock. Mr. Bryan's speech before the Irish Societies will be made at Sunnyside Park, Wednesday afternoon.

Chairman Park Martin, of the Indiana State Central Committee, and Mayor Taggart, of Indianapolis, were in conference today with Chairman Jones, of the National committee, and Vice-Chairman Johnson. Bryan and ex-Governor Altgeld, of Illinois, and Stone, of Missouri, were also present.

Webster Davis, on his way to Wheeling, W. Va., for a seven weeks' tour, was a caller at Democratic headquarters today.

W. A. Deford, chief of the bureau of organization, has returned from Ohio. He is of the opinion that Ohio will cast its electoral vote for Bryan and Stevenson in November.

Mr. Bryan closeted himself with a phonograph today, and delivered over again parts of the speech of acceptance he made at Indianapolis last week. Those sections in which the candidate promised to call an extra session of Congress to deal with the Philippine question and the closing period were the principal parts of the speech that went into the phonograph. It is expected that Bryan's speech, as ground out by the phonograph, will play an important part in the campaign.

The Chronicle tomorrow will say:

"Colonel Bryan will not be in Chicago Tuesday, August 28, the day of the great parade of the G. A. R. Rather than embarrass President McKinley by a counter demonstration, the Democratic nominee will defer his arrival to the next day, or perhaps two days later. This decision was reached after Mr. Bryan was made acquainted with the programme and the part to which he was assigned."

NO BOER CONTRIBUTION.

Kruger Is Not Aiding Bryan's Campaign.

NEW YORK, Aug. 13.—Touching a dispatch from Pretoria, and printed in London, under date of August 10, in which it was stated that President Kruger is contributing between $2,500,000 and $3,000,000 to the election of Bryan, and also that Webster Davis had received $125,000 from the same source as a contribution for the Democratic campaign fund, Charles D. Pierce, Consul-General and Treasurer of the Boer relief fund, and P. Lauler Wessels, special commissioner of the South African Republic, of this city, today gave out a denial of both statements, adding to the denial the following:

"The Boers have other and better use for their funds. England is in desperate straits for 'sinews of war' when she will resort to such despicable means to influence the American people against the Boer cause, when 99 per cent of the citizens are in our favor."

AT REPUBLICAN HEADQUARTERS.

Anti-Lynching People Want An Indorsement.

NEW YORK, Aug. 13.—Perhaps the most interesting visitor at the National Republican headquarters today was Lillian Clayton Jewett, the so-called "Joan of Arc" of the Anti-Lynching League, of Boston. Miss Jewett waited for some time, while Governor Roosevelt was talking with Senator Hanna. She then had an audience with the chairman. When Senator Hanna was asked about the matter, he replied: "Poor girl; she wanted the Republican National Committee to indorse the Anti-Lynching League. Of course we could not do it. We all deprecate lynching. I told her that all moral persons and law-abiding ones are against lynching. This is not a party matter."

Bryan at Club Convention.

NEW YORK, Aug. 13.—The National Association of Democratic Clubs received a personal assurance today from Bryan that he will attend the quadrennial convention of that association in Indianapolis on October 3 and 4. It is announced that during the few weeks the association headquarters in this city have been open 125,000 new members have been received into the organization.

After Thurston's Place.

OMAHA, Aug. 13.—Gilbert M. Hitchcock, publisher of the Omaha World-Herald, will print in that paper tomorrow a letter to the voters of Nebraska, announcing that he will be the Democratic candidate for Senator to succeed John M. Thurston before the next Legislature.

Monetary League's Notification.

DENVER, Col., Aug. 13.—Bryan will receive the notification of his nomination for the Presidency by the United States Monetary League, at Topeka, Kan., August 23, the date of the People's party notification exercises.

Buffalo Elevator Burned.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Aug. 13.—The Dakota elevator was burned today, entailing a loss of $300,000. The fire started in the machinery loft, and within 15 minutes the cupola was a mass of flames, working its way downward through the machinery room to the bins, in which were stored 500,000 bushels of grain. Spontaneous combustion is believed to have been the cause of the fire, as the elevator was shut down Saturday night and was not operated yesterday. The elevator was used by the Lehigh Valley Railroad.

British-American Union.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 13.—The British-American Union has been organized in this city. Its purpose is stated to be the furthering in every way of a better understanding between "both great branches of a common race." It is hoped thus to afford a common rallying ground, not only for the 50,000 Britishers in California, but for all those who recognize the mutual interests of the British Empire and the United States. A board of 15 directors have been chosen under the presidency of William G. Harrison.